

REMARKS

Prior to entry of the present amendments, claims 1-11 were pending in the application. Claims 1-2 and 7-9 have been canceled. Claim 3 has been amended. Claims 3-6 and 10-11 remain pending after entry of the present amendments. No new matter has been added.

Support for Claim Amendments

Claim 3 has been amended into independent form by incorporating the features of claims 1 and 2, from which claim 3 formerly depended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thankfully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 3-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and that claims 10-11 are allowable.

Claim 3 has been amendment into independent form. Claims 4-6 depend from claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-6 and 10-11 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-2 stand rejected as anticipated by US 6,033,017 (Elqadah). Claims 1-2 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 7-9 stand rejected as being obvious in view of Elqadah. Claims 7-9 have been canceled.

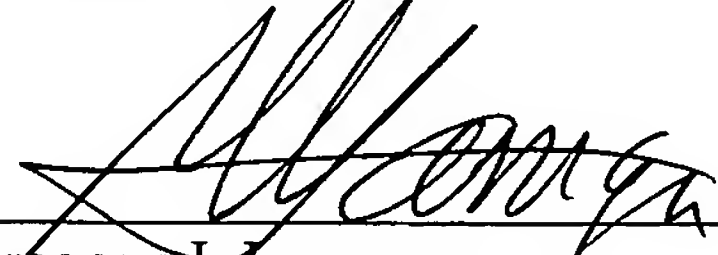
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application, including claims 3-6 and 10-11, is in condition for allowance. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding Applicant's amendments or remarks, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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